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"Hell-Fire Doctrine" Debate on!

Many Out of Town Visitors Expected

G. O. P. Convention Still in Doubt!

SENSATIONAL DEBATE
ON TORMENT INTERESTS EVERYBODY

Sermons of Star's Religious Contributor Attracts Attention All Over the Country.

It goes without saying almost that the debate to be held on the evening of the 18th at Convention Hall on the subject "Torment" between Mr. Richard J. Hill, the well known Tulsa attorney and "Black Billy Sunday," of Waco, Texas, eclipses all other events ever taking place in the city of Tulsa. It is not only being talked and whispered about in numerous homes and public places in Tulsa, but it is discussed in all cities of Oklahoma reached by The Star. Not alone that a number of leading Colored newspapers in different parts of the country have taken the matter up.

Another thing which will tend to increase and widen local interest in this debate is the fact that Mr. Hill has found it necessary to issue a public notice, appearing elsewhere in these columns, wherein he states that he has been informed "that a few pastors of the local churches have busied themselves in warning their members to stay away from the lectures being given at 618 East Archer street, by International Bible Students every first and third Sunday in each month." Of course these attacks, if true, as alleged by Mr. Hill, serve to advertise these lectures which are being afforded the people of Tulsa for religious instruction at the personal expense of Mr. Hill himself. That is how far his firm belief he has "the light and truth" and his enthusiasm carry him. In this notice Mr. Hill commends other local preachers who are not attempting to interfere with his evangelistic propoganda, and closes by warning those who heed the advice of their pastors, that said pastors know if they "come into light, down goes his (the preacher's) pork-chops." The discussion of Mr. Hill's doctrines in the pulpits of the city can only serve to increase public interest in the coming debate, and as it is to be free there can be no valid reason for any one seeking information on both sides of the question "Is there a Hell of Fire and Brimstone?" to remain away.

A Hell Roaring Time.
The widespread interest throughout the State, indicates one of the largest and most representative gatherings ever brought to Tulsa will greet the contestants in the forenoon clash next Friday evening, June 18, when Attorney Richard J. Hill, and the world famed Evangelist, "Black Billy Sunday" will clash in one of the greatest Bible discussions ever witnessed in the country. The Convention Hall, which is the largest auditorium in the city, has been secured for this battle of giants. No other event in the history of Tulsa has created such wide-spread discussion among all classes, regardless of race or color or denominational affiliation as this unusual debate on the Doctrine of "Eternal Torment." "Is there a Hell of Real Brimstone and Fire?" That is the biggest question that has ever been argued in the Religious World.

Attorney Richard J. Hill, in a series of published articles, that have regularly appeared in the columns of the "STAR" has attacked this doctrine of Hell, Fire and Brimstone as a relic of the Dark Ages, that should be discarded in this age of enlightenment. His opponent, Dr. J. Gordon McPherson, or "Black Billy Sunday" as he is widely known through the length and breadth of the country, will handle the affirmative side, and declares that no amount of Worldly Wisdom or enlightenment can blot out the eternal fires of Hell, or change the plans of Divine Justice. The in-

"Black Billy Sunday"



The noted Evangelist who has accepted the challenge of Richard J. Hill to debate the question of whether there is a literal "Hell of fire and brimstone" for the eternal torture of human beings, and the two will meet to debate the question in the convention hall next Friday night.

terest in the coming debate has created about as much interest as the Chicago Convention, hundreds of laymen, ministers, and non-christians will make the journey from Muskogee, Okmulgee, Sapulpa, Haskell, Taft Red Bird, Bragg, and adjoining communities to hear this unusual debate. There will be no admission fee, but a Silver offering will be taken at the door to cover the heavy expense of hall rent and publicity.

May it be said to the credit of Attorney Hill, that he is a highly respected resident of Tulsa, and has a large following in both races among those who are liberal in their religious views. It can be safely predicted that his many adherents will be on the job to root for their champion. On the other hand, "Black Billy Sunday" has the unique distinction of having addressed the largest mixed gatherings in the country and millions in all parts of the South. Millions have been thrilled by his burning eloquence and fiery oratory. He is a champion of the Old Time Gospel and an uncompromising defender of the doctrine of "Hell, Fire and Brimstone." He is a forceful speaker and one of the most convincing debaters in the country and this of itself means that there is going to be a Hell roaring time when these exponents of Liberal and Orthodox Religious schools, give their interpretation of the Bible.

This debate will furnish thought for thousands of Religious workers and Bible students, and will be worth going many miles to hear, as there will be a rush for seats. The

doors will be opened at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening, June 18, at the Convention Hall. The debate will be preceded by an old time Gospel and jubilee song service, every one is urged to come early to secure seats. The doctrines promulgated so bravely and boldly by Mr. Hill in the columns of The Tulsa Star have attracted comment in the East, and this is shown by the following clipping, headlines and all, taken from the last issue of the Baltimore, Md., Afro-American:

"There Is No Such Place As Hell Oklahoma Minister Condemns Preachers of Eternal Punishment."

Hell and Grave One.
Like Hell, Fire and Brimstone Said to be Figurative—Only.

One man has been found who does not believe in Hell. He is the Rev. Richard J. Hill and he is a prominent minister of Tulsa.

Not only does Rev. Hill believe the idea of hell is contrary to the Scripture and blasphemy of God's character, but he comes out in a sermon which he condemns other ministers for preaching eternal punishment.

Rev. Hill says "every intelligent minister knows or should know that the greatest punishment that God has provided for every wilful sinner is death everlasting from which there will be no resurrection. They also know that hell and the grave mean one and the same thing, such oblivion, a state of non existence."

The lake of fire and brimstone mentioned in the scripture was said to be symbolic only of the garbage

furnace located outside of the city of Jerusalem in the Valley of Hinnon

According to Rev. Hill, the hell-fire doctrine woefully misrepresents the Scripture and he challenges any man in any city or state to a public debate on the question.

Rev. Hill said the word Hell, occurred thirty-one times in the Old Testament. The Hebrew word is "Sheol" and the English meaning is "grave." "Hell" occurs twelve times in the New Testament. The Hebrew word there is "Gehenna," and the reference is to the swamp outside Jerusalem, where the city people burn their garbage."

A. F. L. Wipes Out "Jim Crow Line"

Stormy Session Sees Race Fight When Negroes Get Equal Rights.

ACTION UNPARALLELED

For First Time in History Black Freight Handlers Given Equal Privileges.

(Special to Tulsa Star)
MONTREAL, Canada, June 10.—The American Federation of Labor in its annual convention today wiped out the "color line" and warned affiliated international unions that Negro workers must be given full and equal membership with white men.

The federation's action at the end of a stormy session, nearly resulted in a "race war" between delegates from Southern States and the Negroes and their sympathizers.

Rejecting the recommendation of its organization committee, the federation, for the first time in history, threatened the autonomy of an affiliated union by requesting the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks to give the Negro freight handlers, express and station employes full membership and eliminate from its constitution the words "white only."

The committee's report of "non-concurrence" on the ground that the federation had no power to interfere with the constitution of an affiliated union, immediately drew the first of Negro delegates and those of several Northern States.

There was a voluminous exchange of oratory in which the Negroes charged "taxation without representation" and "discrimination" to which their opponents replied with accusations and betrayal of Negro workers of the whites in past labor disputes.

Indignation of the Negro delegates was aroused several times when speakers referred to them as "nigger" freight handlers and their objection to such remarks was sustained by the acting chairman, Jas. Durcan. They charged that the use of the word "nigger" was a slander to the race.

Many Graduate At Tuskegee.

(A. N. P. Service)
TUSKEGEE, Ala., June 8.—Diplomas were awarded to 129 graduates of Tuskegee Institute, Wednesday. This brought to a close the thirty-ninth annual commencement exercises. There was assembled one of the largest crowds of visitors ever brought together for these exercises. Beginning Sunday with a sermon by Dr. Henry Churchill King, president of Oberlin College, the week's programme has been crowded with interesting events.

Mr. Allen Harris of this city spent a few days in Kansas City recently and says he intends to locate there.

Texas Pythians Hold Important Session

Grand Chancellor Wickham Presides One Day; Many Texans Expected to Attend Tulsa Grand Lodge Meeting.

(Special to Tulsa Star)
DALLAS, Tex., June 10.—The Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of the Texas Jurisdiction in session here today, re-elected W. U. Willis of Waco, Grand Chancellor, and J. E. Smith of Dallas, Grand Secretary for the ensuing term. A total of \$63,000 was reported on hand in the treasury. Grand Chancellor C. B. Wickham of Oklahoma who was an honored guest of the Texas Grand Lodge, delivered an eloquent and able address during the first day's sessions, and presided one day in the G. C.'s chair. Many Texas Pythians will attend the Oklahoma Grand Lodge which is to meet in Tulsa in July.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RULING BENEFITS COLORED SCHOOLS

Excise Boards Have Hi-Jacked Negro Schools Out of 9-Mill Levy Since 1907.

(Star News Service)
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 8.—Additional revenue for separate schools for Negroes in Oklahoma will be available in accordance with an opinion written today by R. E. Wood, assistant attorney general, at the request of R. H. Wilson, state school superintendent.

Mr. Wood ruled that county excise boards may make a sufficient levy to maintain separate Negro schools on their estimates provided estimates do not exceed the 10-mill constitutional limit for county purposes. In the past, it has been the belief that no more than a 1-mill levy could be made for Negro schools.

POLITICS: A GAME OF SEE-SAW

Lincoln Johnson Boosted One Day; Attempt Made to Dump Him the Next.

(Star News Service)
CHICAGO, Ill., June 10.—The Georgia delegation decided today to hold a second caucus to consider a move to unseat Henry Lincoln Johnson, the Atlanta Negro who was elected national committeeman. The credentials committee in passing on the Georgia contest last night, unseated a Johnson delegate and plans were then formed to call the delegation together with a view of unseating Johnson.

MORE DEMOCRATS FILING

Office Seekers Ask Nomination at Hands of County Voters.

Filings of democrats for county offices have been on the increase this week, the following, with the exception of two republicans, having signed with the secretary of the county election board for nomination:

James Whitney, county assessor; J. R. Clark, justice of the peace; S. C. Maxey, justice of the peace; W. W. Stuckey, re-election, county treasurer; G. S. Cloud, constable; Denny Jones, constable; George W. Boone, county attorney; G. M. Liston, justice of peace. Of the republicans, the new filings are: W. M. McCullough, sheriff; Ben C. Axley attorney.

Keep informed—Read the Star.

WOOD LEADS BUT JOHNSON HOLDS BALANCE OF POWER

Convention Reconvenes Today For Final Big Three Sided Fight

CHICAGO, June 11.—Four ballots in the republican national convention today failed to unite the necessary majority on a nominee. It was the first time since 1888 that more than three ballots found the party without a choice and the seventh time since the nomination of Lincoln that more than one ballot has been required.

Wood and Lowden were at their high water mark when the convention, after the fourth ballot, adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Johnson had received on the four 7 1-2 votes less than he received on the third. The contest then stood:

Wood 134 1-2; Lowden 289; Johnson 140 1-2; Hoover 5; Harding 61 1-2; Sprull 79 1-2; Coolidge 25; Butler 20; Knox 2; Poindexter 15; Southerland 3; Borah 1; Dupont 2; LaFollette 22; Watson 4.

Wood's net gain after the first ballot was 27 votes. Lowden's was 77 and Johnson's was 17. Thus the big three made accessions to their forces during the four ballots.

Three Cornered Fight

At the adjournment hour it still remained a three-cornered fight between Wood, Lowden and Johnson for the remaining 12 contestants held only 240 scattering votes among them and most of them had been losing steadily since the first ballot, some one of the big three making accessions at their expense.

Johnson Holds Balance.

With these scattering votes Hiram Johnson still was holding the balance of power, his 140 1-2 votes alone even if cast for either Wood or Lowden would not be sufficient to nominate either, and there was not the slightest indication of Johnson delegates deserting their nominee.

GEORGIA DELEGATION HONORS HENRY LINCOLN JOHNSON

This Able Negro Leader Is Chosen National Committeeman. Cohen Also Prominent.

(Star News Service)
CHICAGO, Ill., June 8.—Henry Lincoln Johnson, the well known and able Republican leader in Ga., has been chosen to represent Georgia as member of the Republican National Committee. Johnson won considerable notice for himself during the preliminary sessions of the National Committee last week or account of his strenuous opposition to Lowden delegates. It is generally conceded that Johnson is admirably equipped to fill his new job. Walter L. Cohen, the New Orleans delegate, was selected as member of the Committee on Permanent Organization.

Never Heard From Their Rating.

(Star News Service)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 10.—Woodworth Johnson and Richard Jackson, two young Colored men, who under direction of Congressman L. C. Dyer, had taken the examination for entrance at West Point, have never received word concerning their rating. Johnson was last week appointed railway mail clerk on St. Louis-Kansas City run.

Our job department is complete.